

**Morning Prayer**

**January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

(The Readers will begin the service at the rear of the church with the greeting and exchange with the congregation and then process to the lectern during the hymn.

Reader 1 – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People – The Lord is in his Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

Reader 2 – I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord.

Reader 1 – Good Morning. The Lord be with you.

People – And also with you.

Reader 1 – We will read responsively psalm 51

Reader 2 – Open my lips, O Lord

People – and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reader 2 - Cast me not away from your presence

People – and take not your Holy Spirit from me

Reader 2 – Give me the joy of your saving help again

People – and sustain me with your bountiful spirit

Reader -2 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People – as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Reader 1 – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Reader 2 – Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity: and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader 1 – O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength.

Reader 2 – Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People – as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Reader 1 – Please be seated. Let us read responsively Psalm 121.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;\*

From where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,\*

The maker of heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot be moved,\*  
And he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel\*  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
5 The Lord himself watches over you;\*  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,\*  
Nor the moon by night.  
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;\*  
It is he who shall keep you safe.  
8 the Lord shall watch over your going out and  
Your coming in,\*  
From this time forth for evermore.

#### Confession of Sin

Reader 2 – We have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

Reader 2 – almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### Collect of the Day

Reader 1 – Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lay Reader assigned to read this day will present the Old Testament lesson, the Psalm and the New testament lesson.

#### Psalm 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits;\*  
Truly, my hope is in him.  
7 He alone is my rock and my salvation,\*  
My stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.  
8 In God is my safety and my honor;\*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
9 Put your trust in him always, O people,\*  
Pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.  
10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,\*  
Even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath,\*  
All of them together.  
12 Put no trust in extortion;  
In robbery take no empty pride;\*  
Though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,\*  
That power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,\*  
For you repay everyone according to his deeds.

**Reader 2 – Please stand for the Gospel**

**Reader 2 – the announcement of the Gospel lesson**

**People – Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**Reader 2 – The Gospel of the Lord.**

**People – Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Reader 1 – the Earth is the Lord's for he made it.**

**People – Come, let us adore Him**

**Reader 2 Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness**

**People – Come let us adore Him**

**Reader 1 – the mercy of the Lord is everlasting**

**People – Come let us adore Him**

**Reader 2 – the peace of the Lord be always with you.**

**People – and also with you.**

**Reader 2 – Let us greet one another in peace.**

**Reader 1 – Please be seated**

**Our service continues with psalm 95 – The Venite**

**Reader 1 – Come let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**People – For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the height of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Reader 1 – Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh that today you should hearken to his voice.**

**Reader 2 Let us read in unison Psalm 100 – The Jubilate**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands,  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before his presence with a song  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
He himself has made us, and we are his.  
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
Go into his courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him and call upon his name.  
For the Lord is good;  
His mercy is everlasting,  
And his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Reader 1 – A collect for guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all our cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reader 2 – Of the Reign of Christ**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and the Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Let us read responsively, Prayer B – alternating lines.

Reader 1 – Save your people Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People – Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Reader 1 – Day by day we bless you;

People – We praise your name forever.

Reader 1 – Lord, Keep us from all sin today;

People – Have mercy on us Lord, have mercy.

Reader 1 – Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People – For we put our trust in you.

Reader 1 – In you Lord is our hope;

People – And we shall never hope in vain.

Reader 2 – Let us all stand as we say together Prayer 20, Glory to God.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reader 2 – Please remain standing as we profess the things we believe as Christians by saying together, The Apostle’s Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into the dead. On the third day he rose again, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Reader 2 – The Lay Reader will now offer the Prayers of the People.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church.

*That we all may be one*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer today we pray for the Members and Ministry of the Committee on Resolutions.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer today we pray for the Diocese of Lokoja, Nigeria and Saint Mark the Evangelist, South Africa

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop and William our Bishop.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We pray for those who are sick especially: Becky Smith, Ron Turner, Alex Jimenez, Flossie Heward, Richard Heward, Beverly Seabert, Ernie Seabert, George Merrifield, Nancy Sullivan, John Beck, Ellen Rich, Diana Avant, Michelle Sieling, Michael Swanson & Jackie Goedesky. I invite your prayers for others....

We pray for our military both here and abroad.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We offer thanksgiving for the birthdays this week of Andy Seabert and Randy Lehr.

Reader 2 – Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader 2 – the Lord be with you.

People – And also with you

Reader 2 – Let us pray together the words of our Savior Christ has taught us – devoutly kneeling

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name. thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader 2 – O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son, our Lord, Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come will be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader 1 – O God, the source of eternal light; shed forth your unending love upon us. May our lips praise you, our lives bless you and our worship give you glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader 1 – Continuing to kneel, let us pray together the General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord, Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Reader 2 – Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you. And you have promised through your well beloved Son, that when two or three are gathered together in his Name, you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting

us in this world, knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen,

Reader 1 – Please stand

Reader 1 – Let us bless the Lord.

People – Thanks be to God.

Reader 1 – The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Final hymn

The readers will process out behind the acolyte

After the hymn

Reader 2 – Go in peace of love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People – Thanks be to God. Alleluia!